GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH OF SICK PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick persons in the country;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the number of healthy and sick persons;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the funds allocated are being utilised properly in the States;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(f) whether there has been any laxity in the formulation of schemes and utilisation of funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): According to the Report of NSS 60th Round on Morbidity, Health Care and the Condition of the Aged, the morbidity rate (estimated proportion of persons reporting ailment) was 91 persons per 1000 population.

(d) to (f): According to available information, funds allocated to states are being utilized in accordance with the guidelines issued under the different Programmes. Mechanisms have also been put in place to monitor the fund utilization by states. The states are also required to submit Statements of Expenditure, Audited Statements of Accounts and Utilization Certificates, as the case may be under the financial provisions laid down by the Government, which are being regularly monitored.